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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDEO TAKIGUCHI)
Application No.: 09/742,432)
Filed: December 22, 2000)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,)
IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM,)
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,)
AND STORAGE MEDIUM :)

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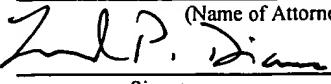
AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows. The claims changes are reflected in the listing beginning at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 10.

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